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Dear Dr. Wilson,

I am very grateful to you and Dr. Cutpler for taking so much time to explore with me last week my unusual situation. In retrospect it was perhaps not reasonable of me to ask you to make a special effort to fit me in next year, when your roster is already filled, and I am sorry that I did not have a chance to speak with Joshua Lederberg before discussing possible plans with you. What has emerged from our discussion is the possibility that I may spend my next sabbatical year based in his department, expanding my background in human genetics as well as getting started on the book that I discussed with you. This would seem to be a very sensible plan, and I would hope to be able to have the privilege of contact with your center.

It is not possible to tell at this time how heavily I may wish to become immersed in a new field, and it seems conceivable that I might find it valuble to take a year's leave of absence on top of a sabbatical year. With this possibility in mind, I am enclosing my curriculum and bibliography in order to give you a more complete record for possible consideration at a later date.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard D. Davis

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